



AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Housing: Question on Real Estate Taxes (H-20)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL USES OF DATA ABOUT REAL ESTATE TAXES

- The Department of Agriculture uses these data to determine which areas should receive direct multi-family loan assistance.
- The Department of Health and Human Services also uses these data to assess the need for housing assistance for low-income, including elderly low-income, households.
- Individuals use these data when deciding where to relocate.
- State and local governments, faith-based and other non-profit organizations, and businesses use these data to plan, budget, and pay benefits.

QUESTION AS IT APPEARS IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

20 What are the annual real estate taxes on **THIS** property?

Annual amount – Dollars

\$

OR

☐ None

EXAMPLES OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REAL ESTATE TAXES DATA

- Community Services Block Grant Act
- National Affordable Housing Subchapter I — State and Local Housing Strategies Title 42, Chapter 130
- Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992

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HISTORY OF THE REAL ESTATE TAXES QUESTION

- The question on real estate taxes has been asked since 1980.
- The question also was asked on the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

WHY WE ASK IT THIS WAY

The question about real estate taxes is part of a question about monthly housing costs for mortgages; real estate taxes; fire, hazard, and flood insurance; utilities; fuels; etc. Listing these items separately on the questionnaire improves accuracy of the responses about each item. When combined with income data, this item is used to measure housing affordability and excessive shelter costs.

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey that collects socioeconomic and housing information and is the planned replacement for the long form in the 2010 Census.

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the ACS in every county, American Indian and Alaska Native Area, Hawaiian Home Land, and in Puerto Rico, once it is fully implemented, pending Congressional funding. The ACS has been tested across the country since 1996.

HOW CAN I SEE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ?

The information collected from these tests is published on the Census Bureau's Web site at:

<www.census.gov/acs/www>

and American FactFinder at:

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